



## Stochastic efficiencies

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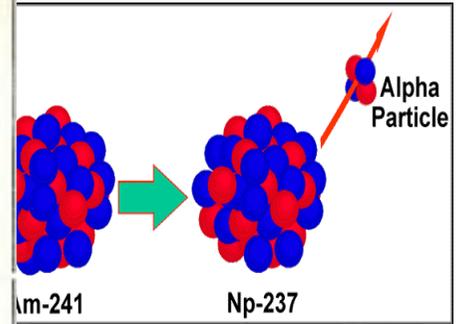
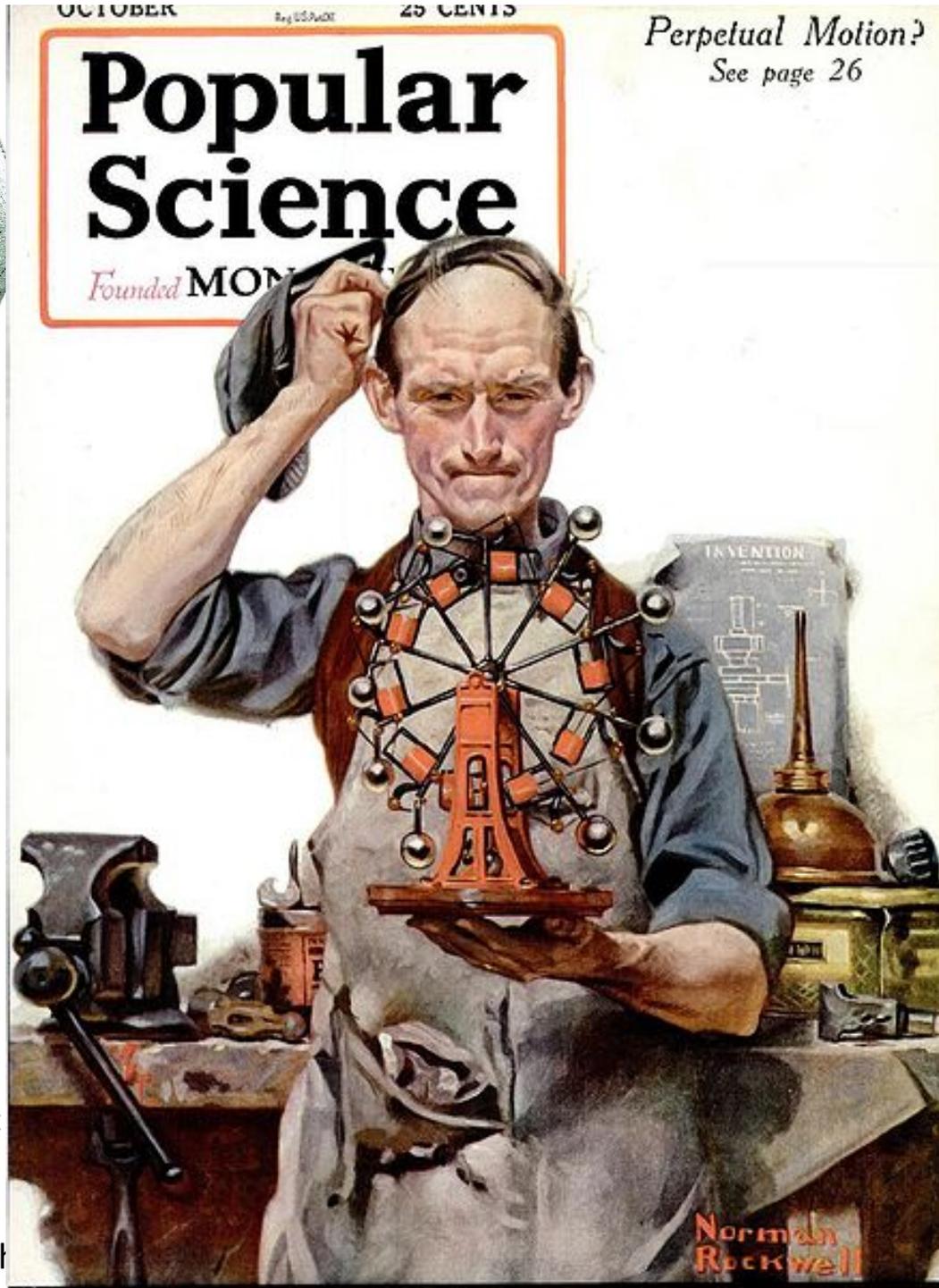
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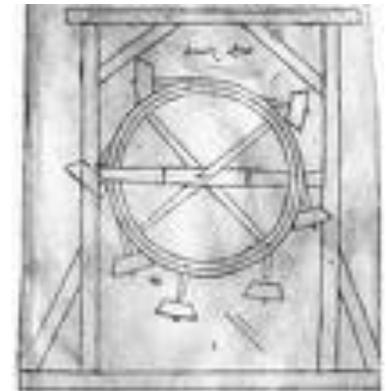
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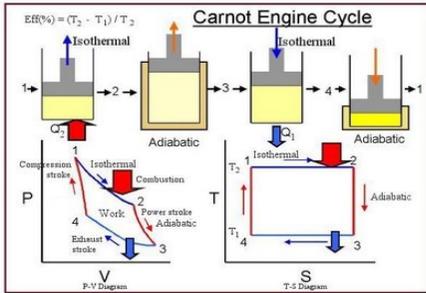


transmutation  
elements



Villard de Honnecourt  
(about 1230)

# Efficiency: heat to work



Réflexions sur la puissance motrice du feu et sur les machines propres à développer cette puissance.

$$\eta = \frac{\text{output work } W}{\text{input heat } Q_h} \leq \eta_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

**Carnot Efficiency**



$$\oint_{qs} \frac{dQ}{T} = 0$$

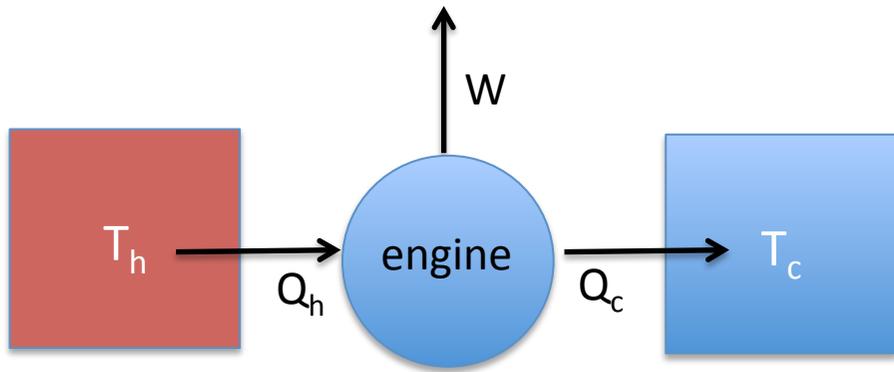
$$\Delta S = \int_{qs} \frac{dQ}{T}$$



Ueber die bewegende Kraft der Wärme und die Gesetze, welche sich daraus für die Wärme selbst ableiten lassen

$$\Delta S_{tot} \geq 0$$

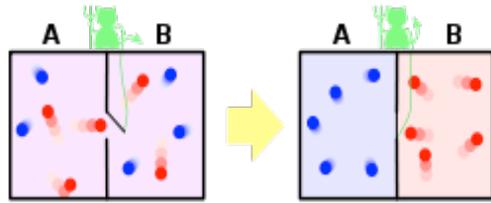
**2<sup>nd</sup> law**



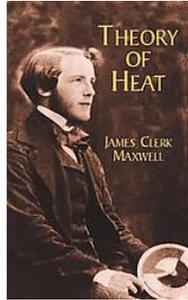
1<sup>st</sup> law  $W = Q_h - Q_c - \Delta U$  ~~X~~

2<sup>nd</sup> law  $\Delta S_{tot} = \frac{-Q_h}{T_h} + \frac{Q_c}{T_c} + \Delta S \geq 0$  ~~X~~

$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q_h} = 1 - \frac{Q_c}{Q_h} \leq \eta_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

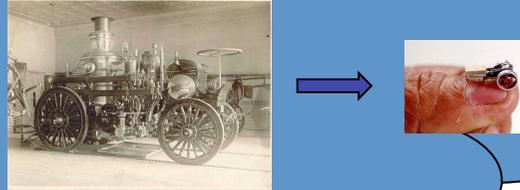


Maxwell demon

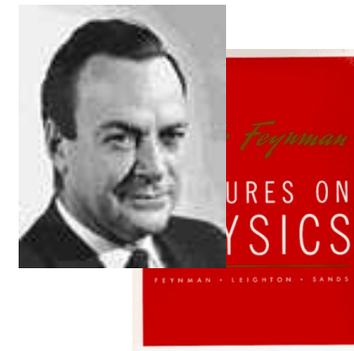
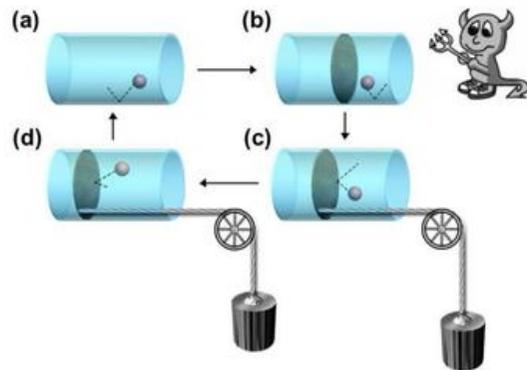
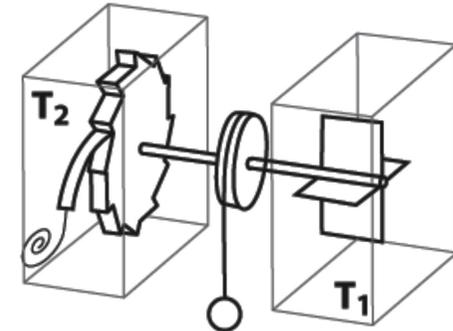


M. v. Smoluchowski (Leuberg). *Experimentell nachweisbare, der üblichen Thermodynamik widersprechende Molekularphänomene*

... Theoretisch noch einfacher und übersichtlicher ist das Beispiel des Torsionsfadens. Binden wir anstatt des Spiegels unten ein Zahnrad mit einer Sperrklappe (mit Zwangsleitung) an, welche nur einseitige Drehung zulässt, infolge der fortwährenden Schwankungen wird das Zahnrad eine Drehung, der Faden eine Torsion erfahren, welche öfters zu nutzbarer Arbeit im Aufhängepunkt verwendet werden könnte. Es wäre diese Vorrichtung analog einer Spielbank, welche die Gesetze des Zufalls systematisch korrigiert. Die Schwierigkeit der technischen Ausführung bildet da keinen Einwand, wenn die Sache prinzipiell möglich ist.



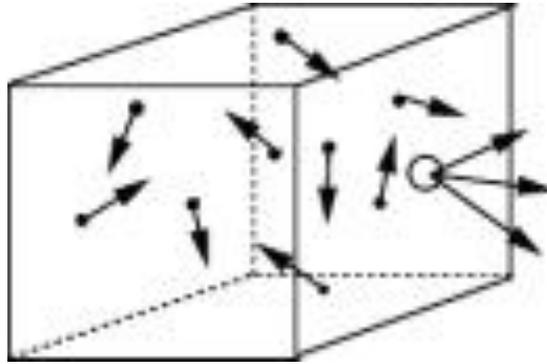
**SMALL SCALE ENGINES?**



Szilard engine  $1 \text{ bit} = kT \ln 2$



Thomas Graham



Flux  $1/\sqrt{M}$  enrichment

Energy  $2k_B T$  cooling

Cosine law deposition



Martin Knudsen

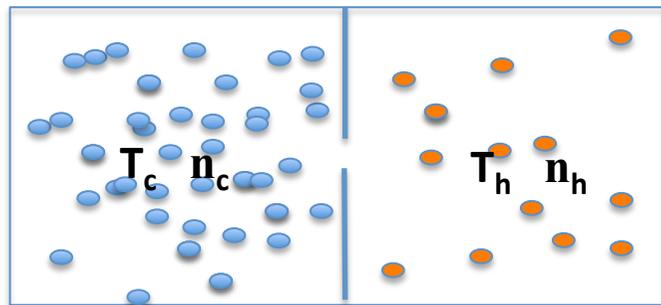
**EFFUSION**  
as a thermal engine

$$\Delta E = Q + W$$

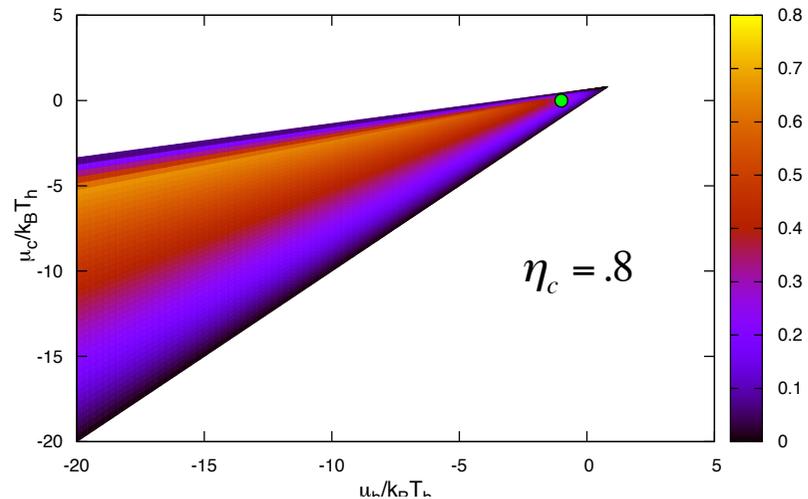
$$W = \mu \Delta N$$

efficiency  $\eta$

$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q_h} = \frac{(\mu_c - \mu_h) \langle \Delta N \rangle}{\langle \Delta e \rangle - \mu_h \langle \Delta N \rangle} \leq 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h} = \eta_C$$

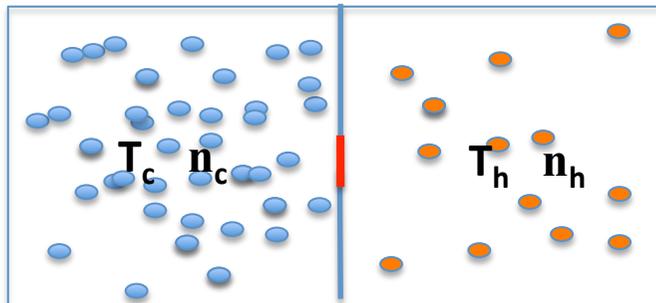


$\Delta N, \Delta E$



**EFFUSION**  
as a thermal engine  
reaching Carnot efficiency?

reversible operation: *filter specific speed*  $v$  |  
particle density with speed  $v$  same left and right



$$\frac{n_c}{T_c^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2kT_c}\right) = \frac{n_h}{T_h^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2kT_h}\right)$$

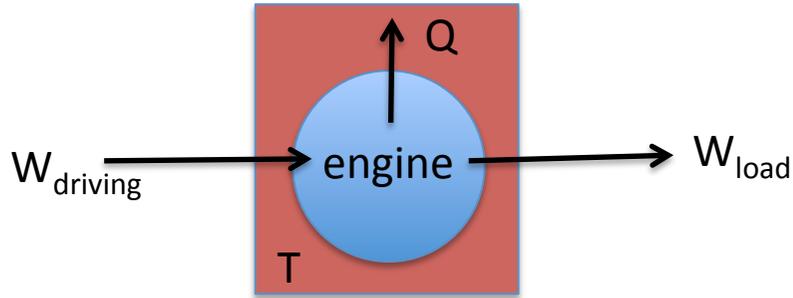
$$\mu = kT \ln n \sqrt{h^2 / 2\pi mkT}^3$$

$$e^{-\beta_c(\frac{mv^2}{2} - \mu_c)} = e^{-\beta_h(\frac{mv^2}{2} - \mu_h)} \quad \mu_c - \mu_h = \eta_c \left(\frac{mv^2}{2} - \mu_h\right)$$

$$\Delta E = \Delta N \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q_h} = \frac{(\mu_c - \mu_h) \Delta N}{\langle \Delta E \rangle - \mu_h \Delta N} = \frac{\mu_c - \mu_h}{mv^2 / 2 - \mu_h} = \eta_c = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

# Efficiency: Work to Work Engine

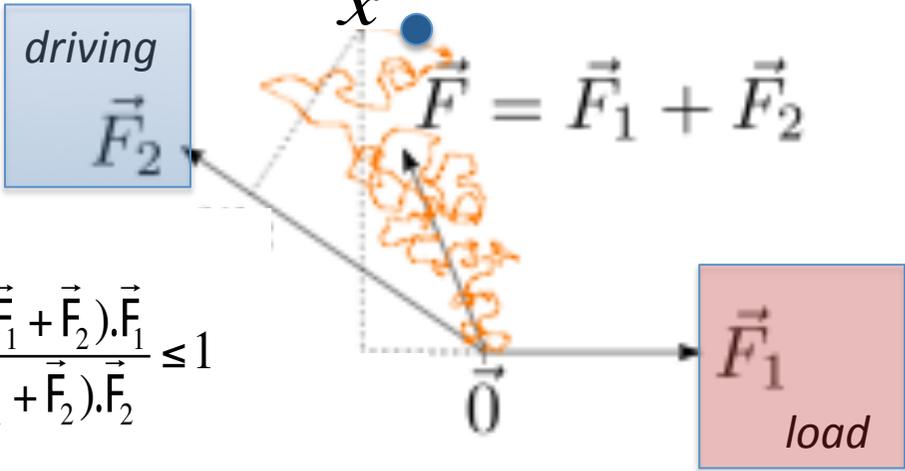


1<sup>st</sup> law  $W_{load} = W_{driving} - Q - \cancel{\Delta E}$

2<sup>nd</sup> law  $\Delta S_{tot} = \frac{Q}{T} + \cancel{\Delta S} \geq 0$

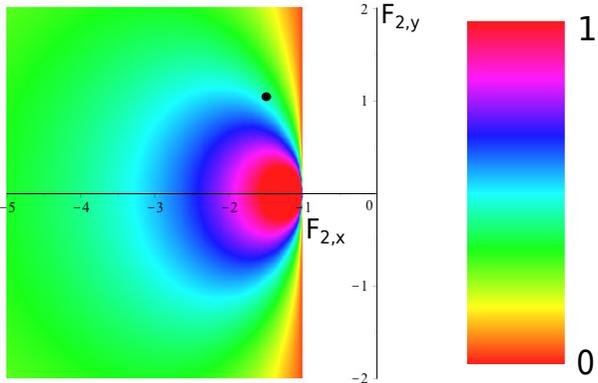
$\eta = \frac{W_{load}}{W_{driving}} = 1 - \frac{Q}{W_{driving}} \leq \eta_{rev} = 1$

**Brownian particle**  
 $F_1$  (load)  $F_2$  (driving)



$$\text{efficiency } \eta = \frac{W_{load}}{W_{driving}} = \frac{\langle w_{load} \rangle}{\langle w_{driving} \rangle} = \frac{-\langle \vec{x} \rangle \cdot \vec{F}_1}{\langle \vec{x} \rangle \cdot \vec{F}_2} = \frac{-(\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2) \cdot \vec{F}_1}{(\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2) \cdot \vec{F}_2} \leq 1$$

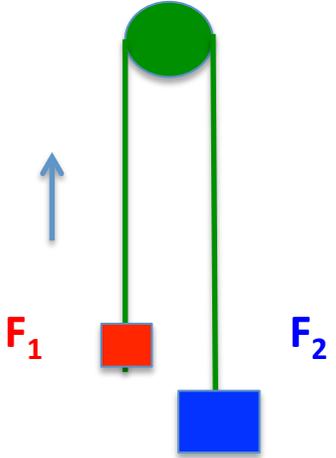
$$\langle \vec{x} \rangle = \frac{t(\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2)}{\gamma}$$



*reversible operation*

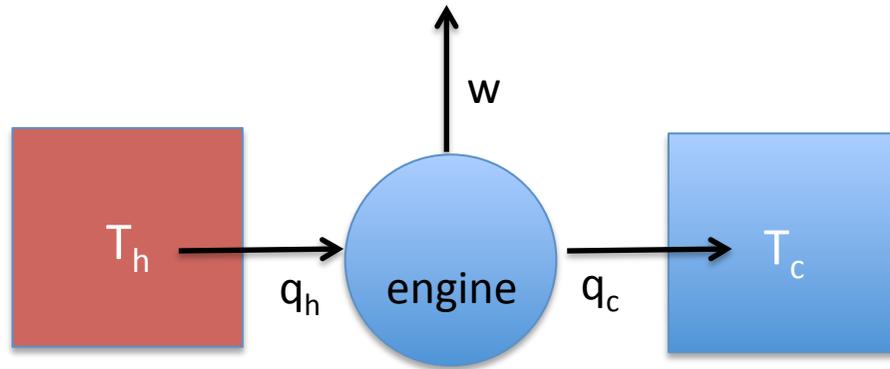
$\vec{F}_1 \rightarrow -\vec{F}_2$

$\eta = 1 = \eta_{rev}$



### Stochastic efficiency of small engines?

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{W}{Q_h} = \frac{\langle w \rangle}{\langle q_h \rangle} \quad \text{versus} \quad \eta = \frac{w}{q_h}$$



1<sup>st</sup> law  $w = q_h - q_c$   ~~$-T_c \Delta s$~~

2<sup>nd</sup> law  $\Delta s_{tot} = \frac{-q_h}{T_h} + \frac{q_c}{T_c} + \Delta s$   ~~$\Delta s$~~

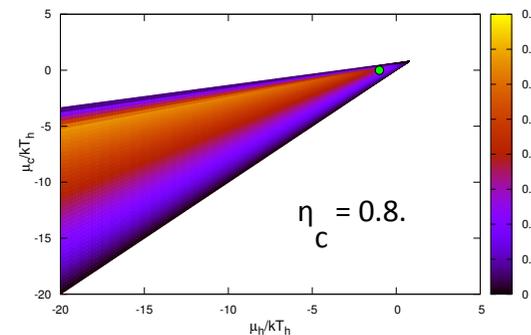
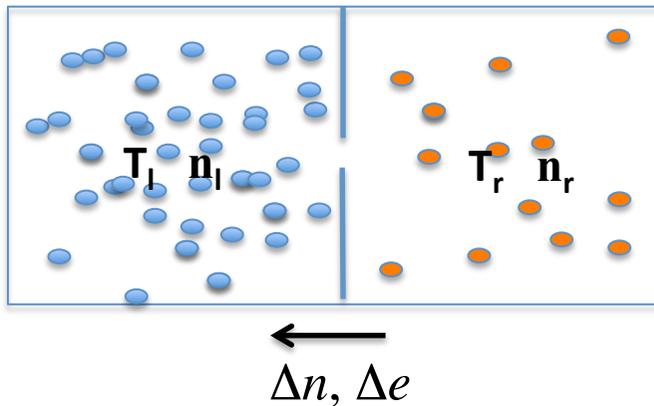
$\langle \Delta s_{tot} \rangle \geq 0$

$$\eta = \frac{w}{q_h} \stackrel{1st \text{ law}}{=} 1 - \frac{q_c}{q_h} \stackrel{2nd \text{ law}}{=} \eta_C - \frac{T_c \Delta s_{tot}}{q_h}$$

$$\Delta s_{tot} = 0 \rightarrow \eta = \eta_C$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_t(\Delta s_{tot}) \\ P_t(w, q_h) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow P_t(\eta)$$

**Heat to work:  
effusion engine**

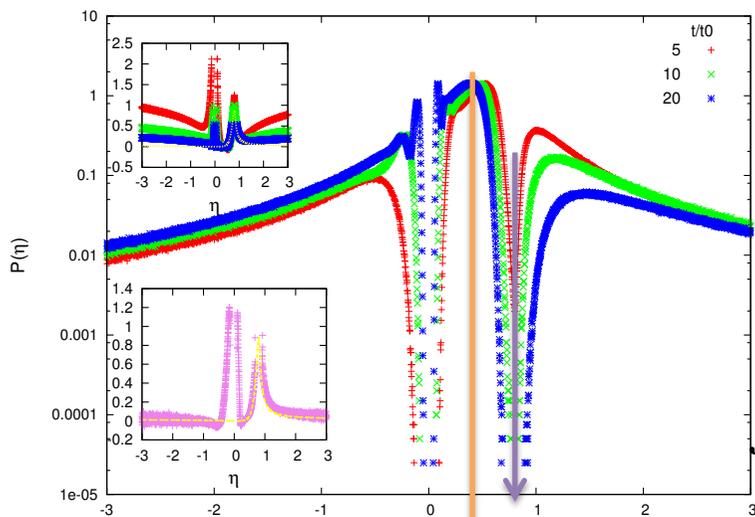


$$\eta = \frac{w}{q_h} = \frac{(\mu_c - \mu_h) \Delta n}{\Delta e - \mu_h \Delta n}$$

kinetic theory  $\rightarrow P_t(\Delta n, \Delta e) \rightarrow P_t(\eta)$

$P_t(\eta)$

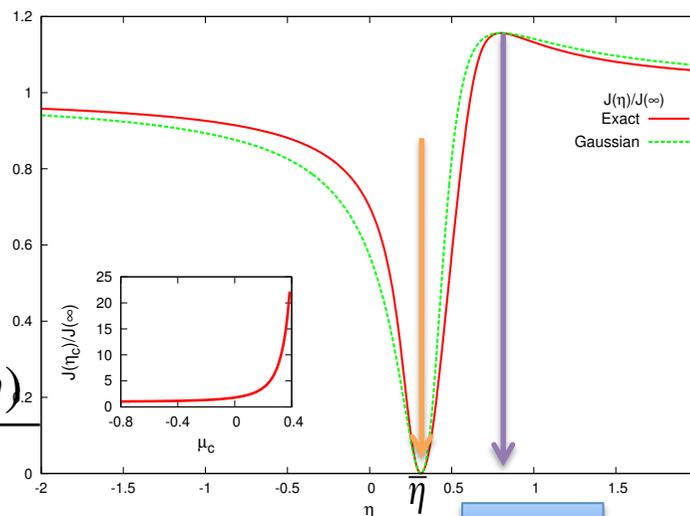
$J(\eta)$



$$P_t(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$$

large  
deviation  
function

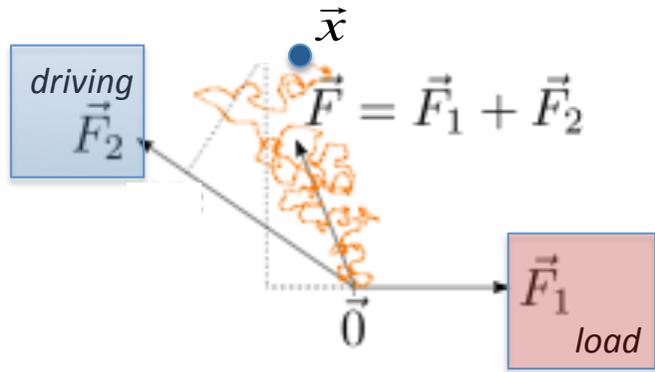
$$J(\eta) = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln P_t(\eta)}{t}$$



(b)  $\bar{\eta} \approx .4$   
 $\eta_c = .8$

(a)  $\eta_c = .8$

**Work to work:**  
**Brownian particle**  
**F<sub>1</sub> (load) F<sub>2</sub> (driving)**



$\vec{x}$  : Brownian motion in force field  $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$

$\vec{x}$  bi-Gaussian  $\langle \vec{x} \rangle = \frac{\vec{F}}{\gamma} t$   $\langle \delta \vec{x} \cdot \delta \vec{x} \rangle = 2Dt \vec{1}$

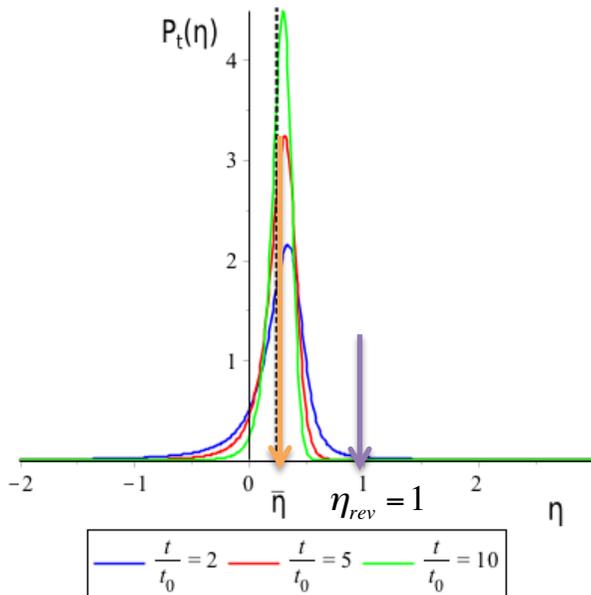
$\eta = \frac{-\vec{F}_1 \cdot \vec{x}}{\vec{F}_2 \cdot \vec{x}}$  ratio of correlated Gaussians

$$P_t(\eta) = \frac{|\vec{F}_1 \times \vec{F}_2| e^{-\frac{t}{t_0}}}{\pi(\vec{F}_1 + \eta\vec{F}_2)^2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\pi g(\eta)} \text{Erf} \left[ \sqrt{g(\eta)} \right] e^{g(\eta)} \right)$$

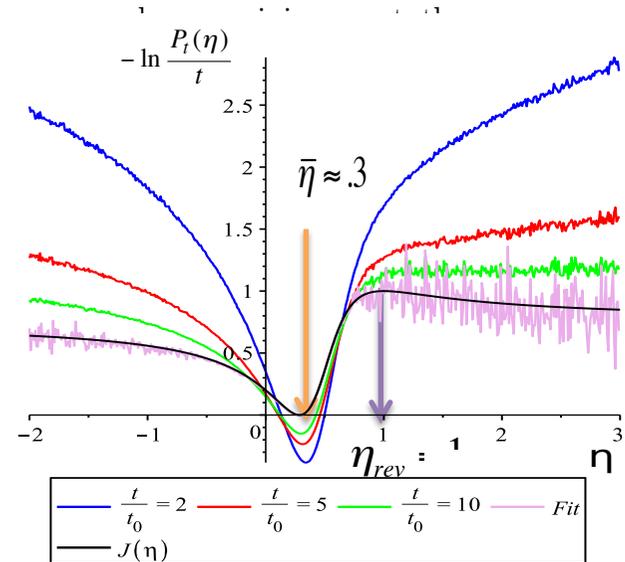
$$g(\eta) = \frac{t}{t_0} \frac{(1-\eta)^2 (\vec{F}_1 \times \vec{F}_2)^2}{\vec{F}_2^2 (\vec{F}_1 + \eta\vec{F}_2)^2}$$

$$J(\eta) = - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln P_t(\eta)$$

$$= \frac{\mu^2 \left[ (\vec{F}_1 + \eta\vec{F}_2) \cdot (\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2) \right]^2}{4D (\vec{F}_1 + \eta\vec{F}_2)^2}$$

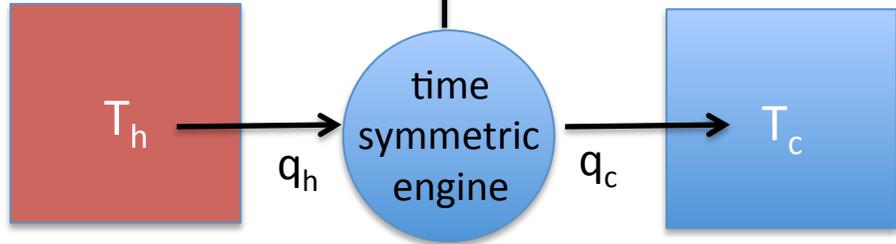


$$P_t(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$$



time symmetric engine

Stochastic thermodynamics



1<sup>st</sup> law  $w = q_h - q_c$   ~~$- \Delta s$~~

2<sup>nd</sup> law  $\Delta s_{tot} = \frac{-q_h}{T_h} + \frac{q_c}{T_c} + \Delta s$   ~~$- \Delta s$~~

$$\frac{P(q_h, w)}{P(-q_h, -w)} \propto e^{\Delta s_{tot}}$$

$$P(q_h, w) \propto e^{-tI(\dot{q}_h, \dot{w})}$$

$$I(\dot{q}_h, \dot{w}) - I(-\dot{q}_h, -\dot{w}) = -\Delta s_{tot} / t$$

$$\eta = w / q_h = \dot{w} / \dot{q}_h$$

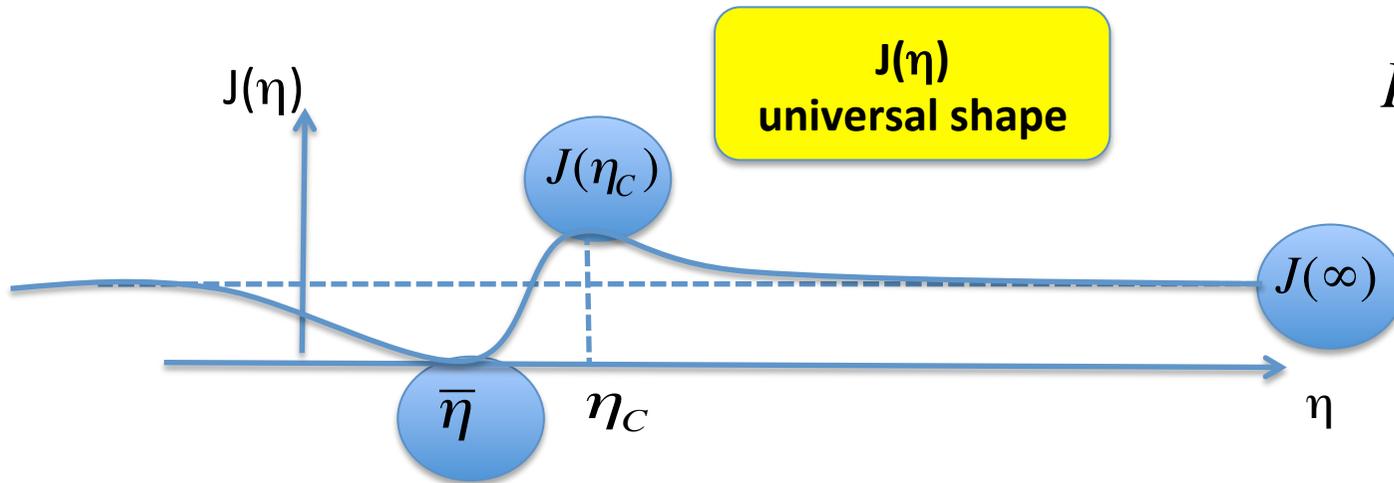
$$P_t(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$$

$$J(\eta) = \min_{\dot{q}_h, \dot{w}}_{\eta = \dot{w} / \dot{q}_h} I(\dot{q}_h, \dot{w})$$

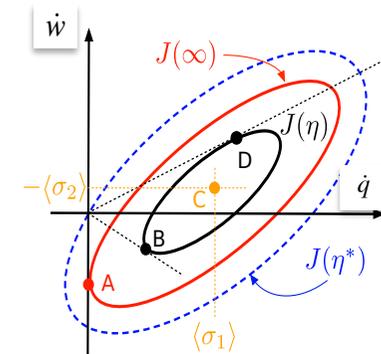
$$J(\eta) = \min_{\dot{q}_h, \dot{w}}_{\eta = \dot{w} / \dot{q}_h} I(\dot{q}_h, \dot{w}) = \min_{\dot{q}_h} I(\dot{q}_h, \eta \dot{q}_h) \leq I(0, 0)$$

$$\Delta s_{tot} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \eta = w / q_h = \eta_c \\ I(\dot{q}_h, \dot{w}) \text{ symmetric} \end{matrix} \rightarrow J(\eta_c) = \min I(\dot{q}_h, \eta_c \dot{q}_h) = I(0, 0) \geq J(\eta)$$

**The Carnot efficiency is the least likely to be observed in the long time limit!**



$$P_t(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$$



**close to equilibrium  
universal scaling form**

featuring Onsager coefficients  $L_{11} \quad L_{22} \quad L_{12}=L_{21}$

$$\frac{J(\eta)}{J(\eta_c)} = \frac{(\bar{\eta} - \eta)^2}{(\bar{\eta} - 2\eta + \eta_c)(\bar{\eta} - \eta_c) + \frac{J(\eta_c)}{J(\infty)}(\eta - \eta_c)^2}$$

**J(η) unusual  
large deviation function**

$$P(\eta) \propto \frac{\int P(w, 0) |w| dw}{\eta^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\det C} \begin{bmatrix} C_{qq} & -C_{wq} \\ -C_{wq} & C_{ww} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{W} \\ \dot{Q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2T_c \\ \eta_c/(2T_c) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_{qq} = \frac{8J(\eta_c)^2 T_c^2}{(\bar{\eta} - \eta_c)^2 J(\infty)}$$

$$C_{wq} = -8J(\eta_c) T_c^2 \frac{J(\infty)\bar{\eta} - J(\infty)\eta_c + \eta_c J(\eta_c)}{J(\infty)(\bar{\eta}^2 - 2\bar{\eta}\eta_c + \eta_c^2)}$$

$$C_{ww} = 8J(\eta_c) T_c^2 \frac{J(\infty)\bar{\eta}^2 + \eta_c^2 J(\eta_c) - J(\infty)\eta_c^2}{J(\infty)(\bar{\eta}^2 - 2\bar{\eta}\eta_c + \eta_c^2)}$$

$$P_t(\eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_t(w, q) \delta\left(\eta - \frac{w}{q}\right) dw dq$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_t\left(w, \frac{w}{\eta}\right) \left| \frac{w}{\eta^2} \right| dw,$$

**time asymmetric engine**

1<sup>st</sup> law  $w = q_h - q_c - \cancel{L\Delta s}$

2<sup>nd</sup> law  $\Delta s_{tot} = \frac{-q_h}{T_h} + \frac{q_c}{T_c} + \cancel{L\Delta s}$

$P_t(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$        $\tilde{P}_t(\eta) \propto e^{-t\tilde{J}(\eta)}$

$\frac{P(q_h, w)}{\tilde{P}(-q_h, -w)} \propto e^{\Delta s_{tot}}$

J and  $\tilde{J}$  cross in  $\eta_c$     same asymptotes    same maximum

**Single particle Carnot engine**

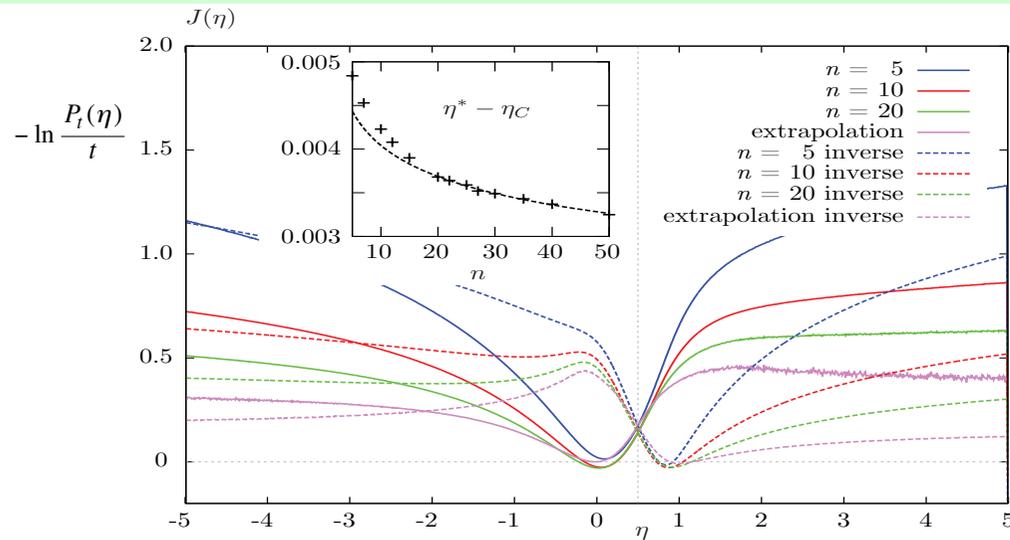
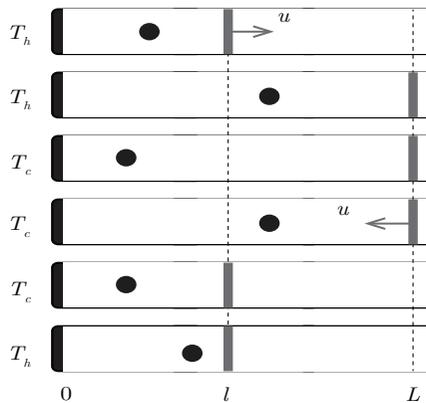
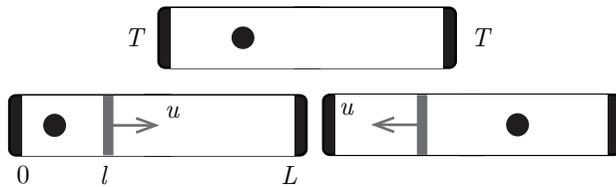


Figure 6:  $-(1/n) \ln P_n(\eta)$  for 5 (blue), 10 (red) and 20 (green) cycles of the heat engine and its time-inverse, with  $T_h = 2T_c$  (i.e.  $\eta_C = 1/2$ ),  $u = 0.3$  and  $x = 0.5$ . The purple curve is the extrapolation to the LDF. The macroscopic efficiency is given by  $\bar{\eta} = -0.02$  Inset: convergence of the intersections efficiency  $\eta^*$  of forward and time-reverse curves to  $\eta_C$  as the number  $n$  of cycles increases. The dashed line is a power law fit of the form  $\alpha/n^\beta$ , with  $\alpha = 5.49 \cdot 10^{-3}$  and  $\beta = 0.13$

## Information to work Szilard engine

$$\eta = \frac{w}{k_B T \Delta i}$$



$$\Delta i = -\ln \frac{l}{L}$$

$$\Delta i = -\ln \frac{L-l}{L}$$

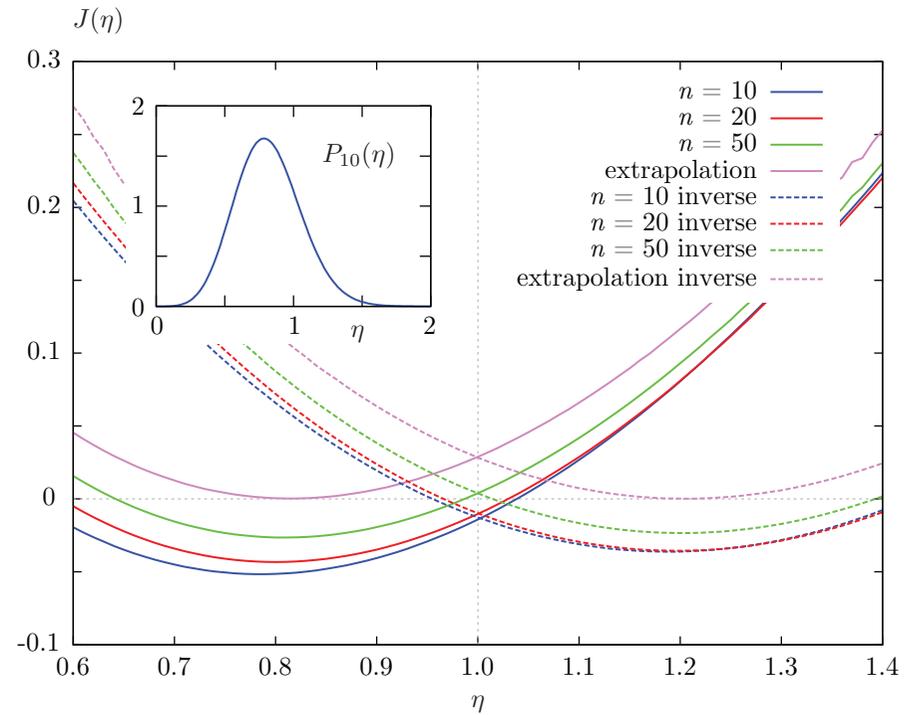
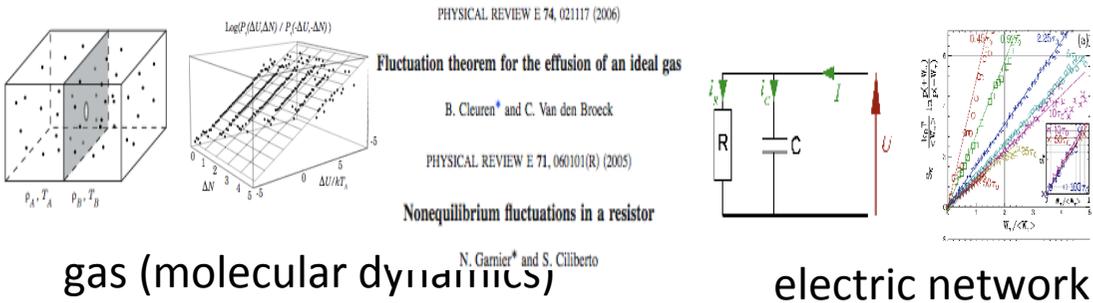
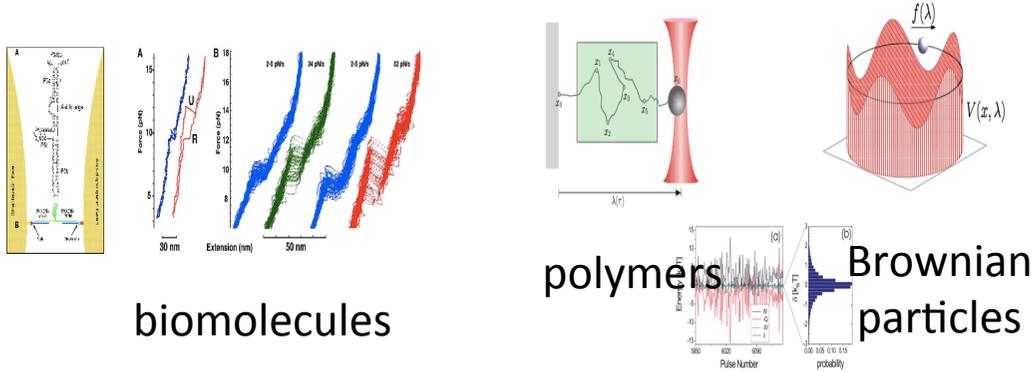


Figure 5:  $-(1/n) \ln P_n(\eta)$  for 10 (blue), 20 (red) and 50 (green) cycles of the Szilard engine and its time-inverse, with  $u = 0.1$  and  $x = 0.7$ . The purple curve is the extrapolation to the LDF. The macroscopic efficiency is  $\bar{\eta} = 0.80$ . The inset shows  $P_{10}(\eta)$ .

# Stochastic work $w$ and heat $q$ hence stochastic efficiency $\eta=w/q$ can be measured!

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Brownian Carnot engine

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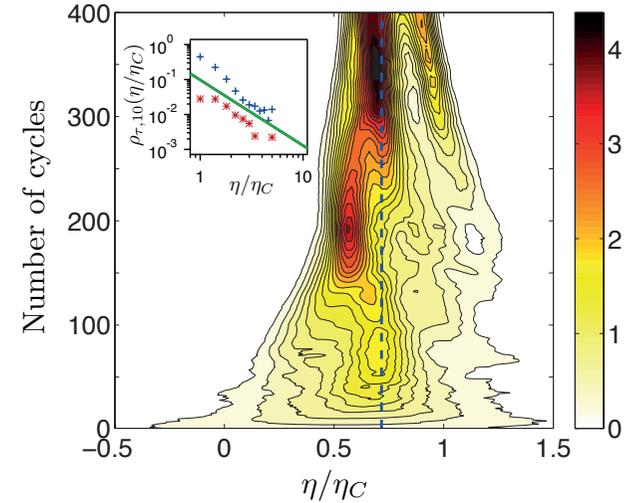
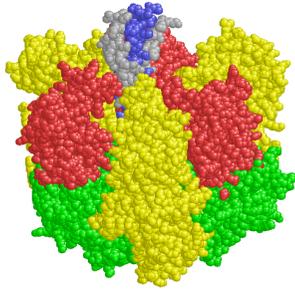


FIG. 3: **Efficiency fluctuations at maximum power.** Contour plot of the probability density function of the efficiency  $\rho_{\tau=40 \text{ ms}, i}(\eta)$  computed summing over  $i = 1$  to 400 cycles (left axis). The long-term efficiency (averaged over  $\tau_{\text{exp}} = 50 \text{ s}$ ) is shown with a vertical blue dashed line. Super Carnot efficiencies appear even far from quasistatic driving. *Inset:* Tails of the distribution for  $\rho_{\tau=40 \text{ ms}, 10}(\eta)$  (blue squares, positive tail; red circles, negative tail). The green line is a fit to a power-law to all the data shown, whose exponent is  $\gamma = (-1.9 \pm 0.3)$ .

bimodality  
 $P(\eta) \sim 1/\eta$



$$\frac{P(\Delta S_{tot})}{\tilde{P}(-\Delta S_{tot})} \propto e^{\Delta S_{tot}/k_B}$$

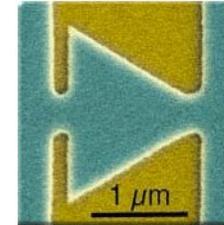
**stochastic efficiency  
first + second law**

$$P(\eta) \propto e^{-tJ(\eta)}$$

**time symmetric engine:  
reversible efficiency is least likely  
universal scaling form near equilibrium**

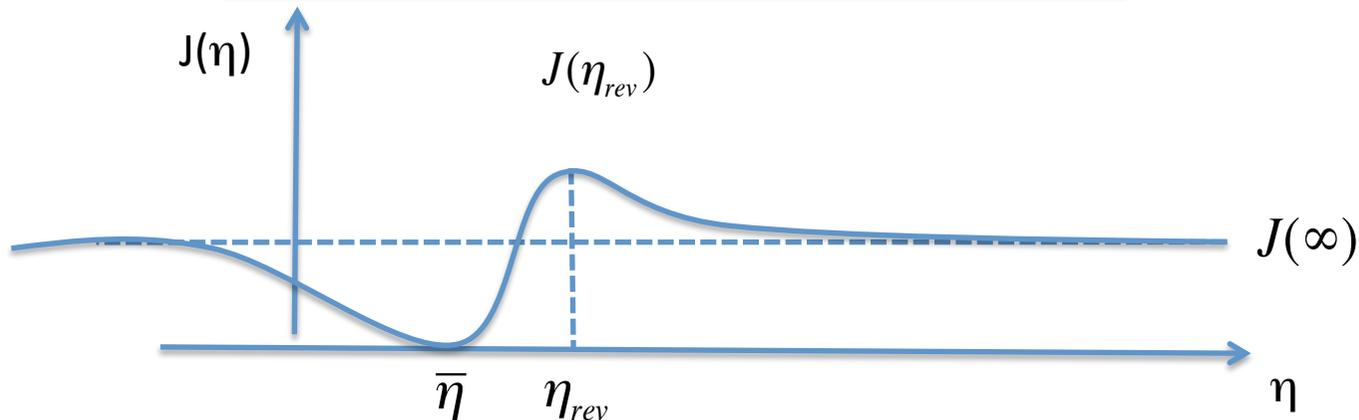
**time asymmetric engine:  
crossing at reversible efficiency  
maxima equally unlikely, same asymptotes**

**absolute temperature measurement  
in nonequilibrium experiment**



Electron microscopic image of a quantum dot ratchet

$$\left\langle e^{-\Delta S_{tot}/k_B} \right\rangle = 1$$





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